

GERMAN LOSS HEAVIER NOW THAN SINCE WAR BEGAN

London, April 26. — Germany is suffering most appalling losses of the war in desperate endeavors to stop British drive by sheer weight of humans.

North of Scarpe river today, where British fought ahead almost inch by inch in face of great masses of men, carnage was greater than that suffered by enemy since war started.

Front dispatches today carried the idea that Germans realizing no trench works could stand against leveling fire of British artillery, were seeking to make wall of living human beings again advance. Into closely packed opposing troops British fire did terrific work. British losses exceedingly low, considered ferocity of fighting. That terrible mortality of German troops is undermining their morale is apparent by statements of prisoners. German troops—all of them picked divisions—are literally driven into fighting line now. Those who survive deadly accuracy of British artillery fire and pounding of the British infantry attacks are exceedingly glad to be taken prisoner.

Today it appeared that British and enemy were deadlocked to north of the Scarpe. Drive toward Douai along this line was being opposed by Germans with every resource. To south, however, British pressure could not be resisted and they were slowly moving forward.

Complete repulse of violent massed counter-attack by German forces against new British positions around Gavrelle announced in Field Marshal Haig's official statement today.

Paris.—Two tremendous German attacks made on front of more than mile and half west of Cerny were smashed unavailingly against French lines and repulsed amid heavy losses to enemy.

Berlin, via London.—Terrific fighting in which British attacks were repulsed and by which German troops won way to eastern boundary of

Gavrelle detailed in official report. Around Arras there were only local attacks, but south of the Scarpe there were waves of attacks, always without artillery, which in some sections reached considerable violence. At Gavrelle, German troops are now situated on eastern boundary.

SKEPTICAL AS TO MONGOLIA SINKING SUBMARINE

London, April 26.—Whether armed American liner Mongolia sunk German submarine April 19 rested today upon belief of her captain and navy lieutenant in charge of her gun crew that, from a point 1,000 yards distant, they had seen pieces of U-boat's periscope fly into air and afterward observed oil on surface of water.

Skepticism manifested here today as to ability of observers to detect such a "hit" at this distance. Instances are rare, it was said, when it could be established that a single shot, fired at target the small size of a submarine periscope, registered a hit.

WOULD MAKE ELEVATORS SAFE

Dep't store and loop building owners are bracing themselves to fight an ordinance introduced in the city council by Ald. John Kennedy for the purposes of making elevators safer.

Alarmed at the increasing number of fatal accidents from elevator drops, Kennedy has asked the passage of an ordinance requiring each elevator operator to pass an examination, those qualified to be given city license.

Big Biz is fighting it hard. The license committee of the council has made the ordinance a special order of business two weeks from today. Its passage would eventually mean a higher class and better paid operators.

St. Paul.—Court appraisers fix value of J. J. Hill estate at \$51,179,389.